

PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1733**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masaharu OKU et al.

Group Art Unit: 1733

Application No.: 09/347,525

Examiner: G. Knable

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Docket No.: 103778

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE LAMINATION OF BAND SHAPED
UNCURED RUBBER MATERIALS

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 5, 2002, and further to the Notice of Appeal filed September 5, 2002, and the personal interview held on October 25, 2002, reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-15 are pending. Applicants acknowledge the indication in item 2 of the Office Action that claims 7 and 9-12 are withdrawn from further consideration, and that Applicants timely traversed the election requirement. Further, Applicants acknowledge the indication in item 6 of the Office Action that the rejection of claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Okada is withdrawn.

Applicants wish to express their appreciation to Examiner Knable for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives during the October 25, 2002 personal interview. The

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